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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF JOHN P CONSTANDY

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1. FOR REASONS OUTLINED BELOW WE STRONGLY URGE THAT DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE JOHN P CONSTANDY AND PARTY DELETE IRAN FROM THEIR ITINERARY LISTED REFTEL.

A. EARLY SEPTEMBER WILL BE MOST DIFFICULT POSSIBLE TIME FOR FOREIGN VISITORS TO IRAN. ASIAN GAMES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL FAIR WILL BOTH BE GOING ON AND HOTELS ARE ALREADY SOLIDLY BOOKED THROUGH END OF SEPTEMBER. OTHER FACILITIES WILL BE EQUALLY OVERTAXED.

B. WE ARE NOT IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF MR CONSTANDY'S REVIEW NOR DO WE HAVE ANY MILITARY GRANT AID PROGRAM. US FOREIGN MILITARY SALES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAMS AND OTHER ADVISORY PROGRAMS WERE EXHAUSTIVELY STUDIED RECENTLY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE AND COMPLETE DRAFT REPORT OF THEIR STUDY IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON FOR MR CONSTANDY.

C. ARMISH/MAAG HAS BEEN FLOODED WITH VISITORS (1174 VISITS REQUIRING 8185 MAN-DAYS OF MAAG TIME DURING FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1974) RESULTING IN SERIOUS IMPACT ON US ADVISORY EFFORT.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR MR CONSTANDY TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION WITHOUT VISITING IRAN AT THIS TIME.
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